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## **.003 vs. .003**

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee says it hasn't yet made up its mind if it will investigate the Central Intelli-

gence Agency. But it has asked for an extra \$65,000 to hire investigative staff, so it is likely the snoopers may be snooped at.

We can't imagine, however, that \$65,000 will pay for any searching look into the multi-billion-dollar super spy complex. After all, the CIA has thousands of experienced investigators. But \$65,000 will buy only six or eight gumshoes for a year.

We can see it now.

Two men in snapbrims collide in a shadowy alley. Both draw guns and level them at each other. With his left hand one cautiously draws his wallet and flashes a card which identifies him as agent .003 of the CIA—meaning Congressional Investigation Agency. The other then identifies himself as Agent .003 of the other CIA. They pocket their guns, snap each other's picture with their Minox cameras, and skulk off on their separate ways.

Seriously, people like our columnists, Allen and Scott, who indicate that anybody who wants to investigate the CIA is in league with Russia are silly.

The act which set up the CIA includes provisions for regular double-checking. Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, who were in on its early activities, both insisted that they diligently probe its performance.

And if no one does, it's possible the CIA could become as bad someday as its critics insist it now is.

There's nothing un-American about the check and double check system. Quite the contrary.